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CONTAMINANTS FROM A LIQUID

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please find a Replacement Sheet of page 4 of the Amendment filed on 20 March 2003, with a clean version of amended claim 1. This response hereby places the Amendment in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

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is applied to adsorbent supporting web substrate 71 and overlying web substrate 88 to soften binder particles 76. The softened binder particles coalesce, or fuse together, adsorbent particles 84, as well as adhere adsorbent particles 84 to web substrates 71, 88.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 5 to 16, with the following:

Both the adsorbent supporting web substrate 71 and the overlying web substrate 88 may provide supplemental particulate filtration. For example, filter medium 20 can reduce certain waterborne oocysts when web substrate 71 and overlying web substrate 88 are composed of a fine hydrophilic particulate filter medium, potentially combined with adsorbents such as activated carbon and heavy metal adsorbing zeolites. Co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/140,924, filed August 27, 1998, and assigned to the assignee hereof describes a low flow resistance composite filter medium for capturing at least 99.95 percent of particulates of a size in the 3 to 4 micron range, such as oocysts, and dissolved chemical contaminants from a fluid that can be used as a high flow rate filter medium in the present invention. The subject matter of that application incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 15, 16, and 24 through 37.

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- 1 1. (Amended) A device for use with a compartment having a wall member,
 - 2 said compartment housing beverage ingredients, said device comprising:
 - 3 means for removing contaminants from a liquid, said means for removing
 - 4 being releasably supported upon said wall member of said compartment,
 - 5 wherein said removing means is separated from said ingredients.